

~~RESTRICTED~~

ARMY
MEDICAL

JUL - 2 1946

LIBRARY

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Chief Surgeon
APO 887

Ch Surg 704

31 January 1945

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 11

Information to Casualties

1. Under no circumstances will medical officers in forward hospitals, whether Army units or general or station hospitals, tell casualties that their injury is such as to necessarily take them to the Z.I. Frequently, what appears to be an injury necessitating evacuation to the Z.I. turns out to be recoverable, and if the soldier has been told that he is to go to the Z.I., the reverse of this decision leaves him disappointed and embittered, and lowers his usefulness to the Army in the future.

2. The practice of discussing the disposition of patients in hospital wards in the presence of the patient himself or of other patients must be stopped. All disposition board proceedings must be held confidential. Giving the patient strong implication that he may go to the Z.I. should be guarded against until final movement of patient commences.

By order of the Chief Surgeon:

H. W. Doan
H. W. DOAN,
Colonel, Medical Corps,
Executive Officer.

~~RESTRICTED~~

